

On page 386, line 6, strike all through page 393, line 3.

SA 2744. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 366, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(c) APPLICATION OF THE LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.—Employers and their insurers who pay compensation or medical benefits or who are potentially liable to their employees and other beneficiaries for compensation or medical benefits under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) shall be entitled to—

(1) a lien for compensation and medical benefits paid; or

(2) credit, recovery, or release, as such remedies are available under section 33 of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 933), except that such employers and insurers may not bring actions for such remedies against third parties as is prohibited under subsections (b) and (h) of section 33 of that Act.

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold an informational hearing February 8, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. on pending nominations. Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Implementation of the New Medicare Drug Benefit".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq Stabilization and Reconstruction.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. PRESIDENT, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian Tribes and the Federal Election Campaign Act. Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing to examine procedures to bring greater transparency to the legislative process.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 8, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. PRESIDENT, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Product Safety, and Insurance be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., on Protecting Consumers' Phone Records.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Judiciary Committee interns and clerks be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of debate on S. 852, the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005: Adam Adler, Jessica Kane, Robert Newell, and Raj Parekh.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. FRIST. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 424, Roland Arnall, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; I further ask consent that the committee then be immediately discharged from further consideration of the nomination and the Senate proceed to its consideration; provided further that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately

notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ENROLLMENT OF S. 1932

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 80, which was submitted earlier today, the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 80) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 80

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That the enrollment of the bill S. 1932 as presented to the President for his signature on February 8, 2006, is deemed the true enrollment of the bill reflecting the intent of the Congress in enacting the bill into law.

HONORING COAL MINERS AND RESCUE CREWS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 370, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 370) honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 16 coal miners killed in various mine disasters in West Virginia, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, today, together with Senator ROCKEFELLER and the West Virginia delegation in the House, I have submitted a resolution honoring the 16 coal miners who perished this year in the State of West Virginia. They are: Tom Anderson, Alva Bennett, Jim Bennett, Jerry Groves, George Hamner, Jr., Terry Helms, Jesse Jones, David Lewis, Martin Toler, Jr., Fred Ware, Jackie Weaver, and Marshall Winans who perished in the Sago Mine in Upshur County, WV.

They are Don Bragg and Ellery Hatfield who perished in the Aracoma Alma Mine in Logan County, WV.